

GYNOSTEMMA (CUCURBITACEAE) IN THAILAND AND MALESIA

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SUMMARY

The genus *Gynostemma* is represented in Thailand and Malesia by four species of which the extremely variable *G. pentaphyllum* is widespread covering the whole area. Seven forms are recognized in *G. pentaphyllum*, of which three are new: forma *fasciculare* W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, forma *grandiflorum* W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, forma *knemandrum* W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, and three are new combinations: forma *dasycarpum* (C.Y. Wu) W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, forma *pubescens* (Gagnep.) W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, and forma *simplicifolium* (Blume) W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes. Two new species, both endemic to New Guinea, are described: *G. intermedium* W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes and *G. papuanum* W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes.

Key words: Cucurbitaceae, *Gynostemma*, South East Asia.

INTRODUCTION

Gynostemma Blume is a genus of mostly small climbers comprising about 10 species. The largest diversity of species is found in China (Wu & Chen, 1983; Chen, 1986, 1995a, b). Usually the genus can be easily recognized by foliolate leaves, minute male flowers of which the staminal filaments are fused into a column and the anthers arranged around a small stipitate disc, and small pea-like fruits. The *Gynostemma* species in Thailand and Malesia seem closely related and closely resemble each other. Only *G. microspermum*, from northern Thailand (and southern China) significantly differs in its fruit, which is capsular and dry, and not berry-like. Therefore it was placed with some other species having similar fruits in a separate genus, *Trirostellum* (Wang & Xie, 1981), or as *Gynostemma* subg. *Trirostellum* (Wu & Chen, 1983). Recently in China, in this latter subgenus, some species with 5 styles instead of the usually 3 have been recognized as a distinct section, sect. *Pentastylus* (Chen, 1995b). However, species with 5 styles in subg. *Gynostemma* occur in New Guinea as well, but we are not creating a separate section for these. Two species of *Gynostemma* are accepted for Thailand and three for the Malesian area, of which two are new and here described: *G. intermedium* and *G. papuanum*. The most widespread and unbelievably variable species is *G. pentaphyllum*, occurring in both Thailand and Malesia. A large part of its variation is rather arbitrarily described by recognizing a number of local or regional forms.

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Gynostemma Blume (1825) 23; Hook.f. in Benth. & Hook.f. (1867) 839; C.B. Clarke (1879) 633; Cogn. (1881) 912; E.G.O. Müll. & Pax (1889) 37; Gagnep. (1921) 1079; Chakrav. (1959) 187; Backer (1964) 305; Ohwi (1965) 848; Keraudren (1975) 24; C. Jeffrey (1980) 10. — *Pestalotzia* Zoll. & Moritzi in Moritzi (1846) 31 (nom. superfl.). — Type species: *Gynostemma pedatum* Blume (Java).

Trirostellum Z.P. Wang & Q.Z. Xie (1981) 481. — *Gynostemma* Blume subg. *Trirostellum* (Z.P. Wang & Q.Z. Xie) C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen (1983) 364; S.K. Chen (1986) 273; (1995b) 405. — Type species: *Trirostellum yixingensis* Z.P. Wang & Q.Z. Xie.

Enkylia Griff. (1854) 645. — Lectotype species (here chosen): *Enkylia trigyna* Griff.

Small or medium climbers; main branches subherbaceous or soft woody; roots tuberous or not; dioecious or monoecious; twigs slender, glabrous or finely hairy. *Probract* absent. *Tendrils* terminally 2-branched. *Leaves*: blade simple, not lobed or subpedately 3- or 5- (or 7-) foliolate, green on drying; petiole long; leaflets petioluled, margin dentate; cystoliths not obvious. *Flowers* small, 2–5(–8) mm diam., rotate, greenish white or white; buds globose; sepals 5, free; petals 5, free, imbricate in bud, long-triangular, sometimes ± erose towards apex; disc inconspicuous. *Male inflorescences*: paniculate, 2–4-times branched, few- or many-flowered, the ultimate branches fine with few or many ± clustered flowers in minute short racemes; bracts small, linear, 0.5–1(–2) mm long, glabrous or finely hairy. *Male flowers*: pedicel short, articulate, basal part persistent; receptacle narrow, flat or shallowly hollowed; sepals c. 1 mm long; petals (long-) triangular or narrowly elliptic, apex acute or (long-) acuminate; stamens: filaments united into a short staminal column, at apex with 5 (sub) sessile or short-stiped anthers in a ring (synandrium), anthers small, 1-theous, short-ellipsoid, opening with a vertical slit, extrorse. *Female inflorescences* as in male but less ramified and smaller. *Female flowers*: similar to but somewhat larger than male flowers; pedicel short (or long); ovary subglobose, largely inferior, the inferior part not narrowed below the perianth, (2- or) 3- or 5-locular, each locule with 2 hanging ovules; sepals and petals inserted along broad, slightly convex, apex of ovary; styles (2 or) 3 or 5, erect, ± contiguous, glabrous, each at apex with a 2-branched stigma; staminodes sometimes present(?). *Fruits*: (sub) globose, less than 10 mm diam., with subpersistent perianth and styles (the latter becoming spaced and the perianth-scars leaving a thin line around the fruit), either a dry berry, not dehiscent (subg. *Gynostemma*) or ± capsular, opening with 3 valves between the styles (subg. *Trirostellum*). *Seeds*: few, 1–5, not much compressed, ovoid or subtriangular in outline, faces verrucose, margin narrow or broad, ± square.

A genus of about ten species, occurring in Sri Lanka and in S and NE India, ranging through China east to Japan, and into Malesia east to New Guinea. Two species in Thailand, three species in Malesia.

Notes — 1. Although the androecium is characteristic for the genus, two species of the genus *Neosomitra*, namely *N. angustipetala* (Craib) Hutch. and *N. hederifolia* (Decne.) W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, have a similar androecium (De Wilde & Duyfjes, 2003).

2. The basic chromosome number of the two subgenera is $x = 11$ (Gao et al., 1995). Various levels of polyploidy were found by the latter authors in several species, and sometimes even in one population of a form.

KEY TO THE SPECIES

- 1a. Fruit capsular, 3–4 mm diam., opening at apex with 3 valves. Seeds c. 2 mm diameter. Inflorescences short, condensed. [Subg. *Trirostellum*]. — N Thailand (and China) **4. *G. microspermum***
- b. Fruit a dry berry, 5–10(–12) mm diam., indehiscent. Seeds 2.5–4 mm diameter. Inflorescences short or long, usually lax. [Subg. *Gynostemma*] **2**
- 2a. Monoecious. Inflorescences few-flowered. Plant delicate. — Papua New Guinea; subalpine; 2500–3200 m altitude **2. *G. papuanum***
- b. Dioecious. Inflorescences many-flowered. Plant stouter **3**
- 3a. Styles 5. — Eastern Papua New Guinea; montane; 1000–2500 m altitude **1. *G. intermedium***
- b. Styles (2 or) 3. — Widespread, lowland and montane areas; in New Guinea 200–1000(–1800) m **3. *G. pentaphyllum*** (with 7 forms)

Subgenus GYNOSTEMMA

Fruit a dry berry, not opening with valves.

1. *Gynostemma intermedium* W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, *spec. nov.* — Fig. 1a, b

A Gynostemmatis consubgeneribus novoguineensibus floribus foemineis stylis 5, fructu maiore 6–12 mm diam. differt. — Typus: *Pullen 422*, female flowers (holo L; iso CANB), Papua New Guinea, Eastern Highlands.

Gynostemma pentaphyllum non (Thunb.) Makino: P. Royen (1982) 2008, p.p., f. 613A.

Small climber or creeper, 1–2 m long, root not known; leafy stem 1–1.5 mm thick, sparsely hairy, glabrescent; dioecious. *Leaves*: blade membranous, (3- or) 5- or 7-foliate, ovate or circular in outline, 3–6 cm diam.; petiole 2–3.5 cm long; leaflets up to 5 by 2(–2.5) cm, margin (shallowly) coarsely serrate, middle leaflet largest, with 5–7 pairs of rather faint lateral nerves, upper surface sparsely hairy mainly on nerves, lower surface subglabrous; petiolule 0.5–1.5 cm long. *Male inflorescences*: many-flowered, panicate, (2 or) 3 times branched, 10–15 by 5–10 cm, ultimately with up to 5 flowers in fascicles or short racemes up to 15 mm long; peduncle c. 3 cm long, finely pubescent; bracts minute, less than 1 mm long. *Male flowers*: pedicel 2–3 mm long, (sub)glabrous, articulation indistinct, at c. 1/3 from the apex; perianth glabrous, 4.5(–5) mm diam.; receptacle shallow, 0.6–0.9 mm wide; sepals ovate-narrowly elliptic, c. 1 by 0.5 mm; petals triangular-ovate, c. 2 by 1(–1.5) mm, entire, with narrowed apiculate apex; staminal column (0.3–)0.5 mm long, synandrium c. 0.5 mm diam., anthers subsessile, subglobose, c. 0.2 mm diameter. *Female inflorescences* as in male, panicate, rather many-flowered, 1(–3) times branched, 5–10 cm long; peduncle 1.5–3 cm long, (sparsely) hairy. *Female flowers*: pedicel 3–4 mm long, articulation not seen; ovary (hemi-)globose, c. 1.5 mm diam., (sparsely) hairy or glabrous; perianth c. 4 mm diam.; styles 5, each c. 1 mm long. *Fruits*: few or up to 20 per infructescence, globose, 6–10(–12) mm diam., with 5 style-remnants and 5 (not opening) valve-sutures, glabrous, pale brown when dry; fruiting pedicel c. 5 mm long. *Seeds*: 3 or 4 per berry, rounded or subtriangular, c. 4 by 3.5 by 2 mm, with \pm flattish apex, pale brown, coarsely sparsely warted or irregularly ridged, margin narrow.

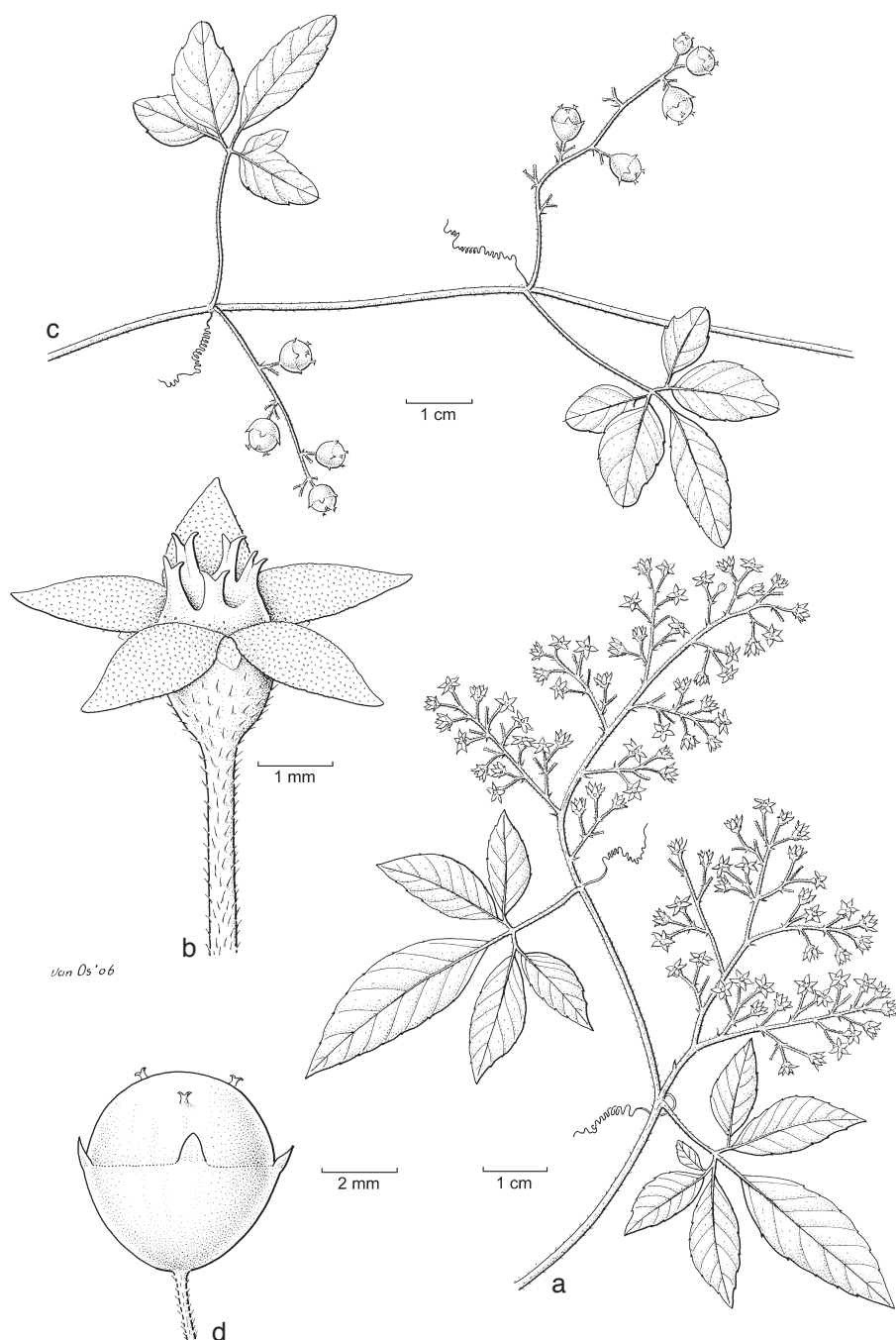


Fig. 1. a, b: *Gynostemma intermedium* W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes. a. Habit of shoot with female inflorescences; b. female flower. — c, d: *Gynostemma papuanum* W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes. c. Stem section with fruit; d. fruit (a, b: Pullen 422 (type); c, d: Stevens LAE 55693).

Distribution — Eastern Papua New Guinea: Madang, Eastern Highlands, Morobe; known from 6 collections.

Habitat & Ecology — Climber on tree ferns; along stream sides and gullies in mountain forest; at 1500 up to 2500 m altitude. Flowering and fruiting throughout the year.

Field-notes — Flowers green. Fruits green, shiny or dark purple with a sharp biting taste.

Note — *Gynostemma intermedium* occupies in East New Guinea the altitudinal montane zone between *G. pentaphyllum* of the lowlands and *G. papuanum* of the sub-alpine zone.

Specimens examined:

Coode NGF 32683, Floyd & Womersley 6779, Pullen 422, Sayers NGF 19787, Van Royen & Millar NGF 17541, Womersley & Sleumer NGF 13999.

2. *Gynostemma papuanum* W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, *spec. nov.* — Fig. 1c, d

A Gynostemmatis consubgeneribus habitu monoecio, inflorescentiis masculis paucifloris, floribus foemineis stylis 3 (vel 4), seminibus c. 2.5 mm diam. differt. — Typus: Vink 17364 (holo L), Papua New Guinea, Southern Highlands.

Gynostemma pentaphyllum non (Thunb.) Makino: P. Royen (1982) 2008, p.p., f. 613: B–D.

Small climber, 0.5–1 m long, root not known; leafy stem less than 1 mm thick, subglabrous or sparsely hairy; monoecious. *Leaves*: blade filmy or membranous, (3- or) 5-foliolate, ovate in outline, 3–6 by 2.5–4.5 cm; petiole 1.5–2.5 cm long; the middle leaflet much longer than the lateral ones, with c. 5 pairs of faint lateral nerves, margin shallowly crenate-dentate, both surfaces subglabrous or sparsely hairy; petiolule 0.2–0.4 cm long. *Inflorescences* few-flowered, 1–2(–3) cm long, consisting of 1 (or 2) female flowers and later developing 1–3(–5) male flowers, inflorescence solitary or ± fascicled, sometimes only female or only male flowers present in one inflorescence, sometimes very short peduncled inflorescences aggregated in raceme-like short shoots; branches and pedicels hairy; peduncle 0.5–2 cm long; bracts narrow, acute, 1 mm long or less. *Male flowers*: pedicel 2–5 mm long, glabrous or hairy, articulate at c. 1/3 from the apex; perianth glabrous, c. 3 mm diam.; receptacle shallow, less than 0.5 mm wide; sepals ovate-narrowly elliptic, 0.7(–1) mm long; petals ovate-narrowly elliptic, c. 1.5 mm long, entire or somewhat incised, long-acuminate in upper 1/3; staminal column c. 0.3 mm long, synandrium 0.3(–0.4) mm diam., anthers sessile, subglobose, c. 0.2 mm diameter. *Female flowers*: pedicel 2–5 mm long, articulate at apex; ovary (sub)hemi-globose, c. 0.6 mm diam., glabrous; perianth 2.5–3 mm diam.; sepals c. 0.5 mm long; petals ovate to narrowly elliptic, 1(–1.5) mm long, acuminate; styles 3 (rarely 4), each c. 1 mm long. *Fruit*: solitary, globose, 5–7 mm diam., pale brown-yellow when dry (light green when fresh), with persistent sepals and styles and with 3 (not opening) valve-sutures; fruiting pedicel 4–6 mm long. *Seeds*: 2 or 3 per berry, ± triangular-ovate, 2.5–3 by 2–2.5 by 1 mm, (pale) brown, faces irregularly low-warty, margin narrow.

Distribution — Papua New Guinea: West Sepik, East Sepik, Western Highlands (Kubor Range), Southern Highlands (Mt Giluwe), Chimbu, Milne Bay (Mt Suckling); known from 13 collections.

Habitat & Ecology — Open places in low forest, mossy forest, gullies and low scrub, grasslands, alpine shrubbery and *Nothofagus* forest; also on limestone; at (1600–)2100–3500 m altitude. Flowering and fruiting throughout the year.

3. *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* (Thunb.) Makino

- Gynostemma pentaphyllum* (Thunb.) Makino (1902) 179; Backer (1964) 306; Ohwi (1965) 848; Keraudren (1975) 25, pl. 5: 1–7; C. Jeffrey (1980) 10; P.H. Hô (1991) 727, f. 2017. — *Vitis pentaphylla* Thunb. (1784) 105. — Type: *Thunberg* 5858 (UPS, not seen), Japan.
- Gynostemma pedatum* Blume (1825) 23; C.B. Clarke (1879) 633 ('*pedata*'); Cogn. (1881) 913; Gagnep. (1921) 1080; Craib (1931) 766; Chakrav. (1959) 188. — *Pestalozzia pedata* Zoll. & Moritz in Moritz (1846) 31. — *Zanonia pedata* (Blume) Miq. (1856) 683. — Lectotype (here chosen): *Blume* 1429 (holo L, barcode L0588327; iso L (6 sheets)), Java, Tjanjor & Krawang.
- Gynostemma simplicifolium* Blume (1825) 24 ('*simplicifolia*'); Cogn. (1881) 915; Chakrav. (1959) 193; Backer (1964) 306; F.C. How & C.C. Chang (1964) 484; C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen (1983) 359. — Lectotype (here chosen): *Blume* 1493 (holo L, barcode L0588361; iso L), Java, Mt Krawang.
- Zanonia cissoides* Wall. (1831) 28. — *Alsomitra cissoides* (Wall.) M. Roem. (1846) 118. — Type: *Wallich* 3726 (K, K-W), Nepal.
- Zanonia laxa* Wall. (1831) 29. — *Alsomitra laxa* (Wall.) M. Roem. (1846) 118. — *Pestalozzia laxa* (Wall.) Thwaites (1859) 124. — *Gynostemma laxum* (Wall.) Cogn. (1881) 914; Craib (1931) 766; Merr. (1938) 69; Chakrav. (1959) 190; Keraudren (1975) 26; P.H. Hô (1991) 726, f. 2016. — Type: *Wallich* 3727 (K, K-W), India, Silhet.
- Zanonia wightiana* Arn. (1836) 356b. — *Gynostemma wightianum* (Arn.) Hook.f. in Benth. & Hook.f. (1867) 839. — Type: *Walker?* s.n. (holo E, in herb. Arnott), Ceylon.
- Enkylia digyna* Griff. (1854) 645, pl. 4: 1–8. — Type not indicated, lectotype not chosen, India, Khasia.
- Enkylia trigyna* Griff. (1854) 646, pl. 4: 9–15. — Type: not indicated, lectotype not chosen, India, Himalaya.
- Vitis martini* H. Lév. & Vaniot (1905) 41. — Type (Lauener, 1972): *Martin & Bodinier* 1791 (holo E), China, Kweichow, near Gan-pin.
- Vitis mairei* H. Lév. (1912b) 299, non H. Lév. (1909) 338. — Type (Lauener, 1972): *Maire* s.n., IX-1911 (holo E), China, Yunnan, grottes de Pan-long-se.
- Vitis quelpaertensis* H. Lév. (1912a) 351. — Type (Lauener, 1972): *Taquet* 2745 (holo E; iso K), Korea, Quelpaert.
- Gynostemma winkleri* Cogn. in H. Winkl. (1912) 118. — Type: *Winkler* 2757 (B†; iso K, L), Indonesia, Borneo.
- Gynostemma siamicum* Craib (1918) 362; (1931) 767 ('*siamica*'); Merr. (1938) 70. — Lectotype (here chosen): *Kerr* 1434 (holo E; iso E, K), Thailand, Doi Sutep.
- Gynostemma crenulatum* Ridl. (1920) 93. — Type: *Kloss* 6901 (holo K), Peninsular Thailand.
- Gomphogyne alleizettei* Gagnep. (1921) 1086. — Type: *Alleizette* s.n. (holo P; iso P), Vietnam, Tonkin.
- Gynostemma pubescens* (Gagnep.) C.Y. Wu in C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen (1983) 362. — *Gynostemma pedata* Blume var. *pubescens* Gagnep. (1921) 1082. — Type: *Thorel* 3468 (holo P), Laos.
- Gynostemma dasycarpum* (C.Y. Wu in C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen) S.K. Chen (1995b) 406. — Type: *Li* 534 (KUN, not seen), China, Yunnan.

Herbaceous or subwoody climber, 2–8 m long, root perennial but not(?) tuberous, main stem to 1 cm thick, bark fissured, grey; leafy stem slender, 1(–2) mm thick, glabrous or hairy, hairs grey or rarely brown. *Leaves*: blade simple or foliolate, subcircular (or ovate) in outline, 4–10(–17) cm diam.; petiole 3–6 cm long; leaflets 3–5(–7), ovate to narrowly elliptic, 3–10 by 1–5 cm, outer leaflets smallest, 3–6(–7)-pinninerved, nerves faint or conspicuous [distinct?], margin (remotely) finely (or coarsely) dentate, upper surface variously (appressed) hairy or subglabrous (except on the veins), lower

surface (sub)glabrous; petiolule 2–7 cm long. *Male inflorescences*: many-flowered, small or large, raceme-like or 2–4-branched, broadly paniculate, 5–15(–30) cm long, lateral branches to 10 cm long, hairy or subglabrous, ultimately with (1 or) 2–5 flowers in fascicles (or in condensed racemes), finely hairy or subglabrous; peduncle 1–7 cm long; bracts 1–2(–5) mm long. *Male flowers*: pedicel 1–3(–7) mm long, articulate in the middle, the basal part persistent after flowering; perianth (2.5–)3–5(–8) mm diam.; receptacle shallowly hollowed, c. 0.5 mm wide; sepals narrowly elliptic-linear, (0.5–)1 mm long; petals triangular, (narrowly) elliptic, 1–2(–3.5) by 0.5(–1) mm, apex acuminate or long-acuminate, adaxially usually \pm hairy or papillose; staminal column 0.5(–1) mm long, synandrium 0.5(–1) mm diam., anthers subglobose, sessile or very short-stalked, c. 0.2 mm diameter. *Female inflorescences*: as male inflorescences, but smaller. *Female flowers*: pedicel 2–4 mm long, subapically articulate; perianth 2–4 mm diam.; ovary subglobose, c. 1 mm diam., glabrous or sparsely hairy; styles (2 or) 3, each 0.5–1 mm long. *Fruits*: globose, 5–8 mm diam., glabrous or (sparsely) hairy, green, pale yellow or blackish when ripe; fruiting pedicel 2–5 mm long. *Seeds*: usually 2, subcircular, triangular or cordate in outline, 3–4 mm diam., little or moderately compressed, faces irregularly verrucose or wrinkled, margin broad or narrow.

Distribution — Widespread, as the genus; in India and Sri Lanka, east through China, to Japan and Korea, southeast through Indochina and Malesia to New Guinea. There are no records from Cambodia.

Habitat & Ecology — In a variety of habitats: damp or not too dry places in scrub and forest, often near water courses, also on limestone; at 200–2400 m altitude; possible also at sea level in the lowlands. Flowering and fruiting throughout the year, but less frequent in April and May.

Note — *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* is very variable, comprising various not sharply demarcated local forms or ecotypes. Leaves can be either simple or very markedly 3- or 5- (or 7-) foliolate. A form with strongly hairy leaves from Myanmar (also occurring in Thailand) was described as *G. burmanicum* (Chakravarty, 1946, invalid name), another hairy form from Indochina (Gagnepain, 1921) as *G. pedatum* var. *pubescens*. Plants with a sparsely hairy ovary and fruit have been found in Thailand. An obvious variation with (mostly) simple leaves is kept separate as forma *simplicifolium*. It is widespread and was originally described as a species from W Java, where it most likely originated locally. Similar plants, obviously, independently, locally developed, occur in Sabah (Kinabalu area), in the mountains of Peninsular Malaysia, and also in India and China. Plants with a sparsely hairy ovary have been found in Thailand, but similar plants with a hairy ovary and fruit have been recognized as distinct species: in Borneo (*G. winkleri*) and in China (*G. dasycarpum*), both are here united and reduced to the status of a form.

To acknowledge some of the variation, we recognize the following 7 forms:

- a. forma *dasycarpum*** (C.Y. Wu in C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen) W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, *stat. nov.* — Plate 1c

Gynostemma pentaphyllum (Thunb.) Makino var. *dasycarpum* C.Y. Wu in C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen (1983) 362. — *Gynostemma dasycarpum* (C.Y. Wu in C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen) S.K. Chen (1995b) 406. — Type: *Li 534* (KUN, not seen), China, Yunnan.

Gynostemma winkleri Cogn. in H. Winkl. (1912) 118. — Type: *Winkler 2757* (B†; iso K, L), Indonesia, Borneo.

Plant as forma *pentaphyllum*, but fruits hairy.

Distribution — All over Borneo, sporadically in Thailand.

Habitat & Ecology — Primary forest, shaded and open places, damp places, riverbanks, and hillsides; often on limestone, also on basalt bedrock; mostly in the lowlands up to 1650 m altitude.

Notes — 1. Plants with hairy fruits are described as *Enkylia digyna* Griff. (1854) 645, from India.

2. *Gynostemma yixingense* (Z.P. Wang & Q.Z. Xie) C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen var. *trichocarpum* J.N. Ding (1990: 71), a taxon with hairy fruit, is not a synonym because it pertains to a species of section *Trirostellum* with capsular fruits.

b. forma *fasciculare* W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, *forma nov.*

A formis ceteris in pedicellis masculis persistentiter fasciculatis comparative longis plus quam 4 (vel 5) mm versus 1–2 mm longis differt. — Typus: *Johansson, Nybom & Riebe 384* (holo BO; iso L, S), Indonesia, Central Sulawesi.

Plant as forma *pentaphyllum*, but male flowers long-pedicelled, pedicels 4(–5) mm long, fascicled.

Distribution — Endemic to Central Sulawesi.

Habitat & Ecology — Primary and disturbed primary forest on alluvial soil; from sea level up to 2200 m altitude.

Note — In Sulawesi the typical form *pentaphyllum* seems absent.

c. forma *grandiflorum* W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, *forma nov.*

A forma typica in floribus masculis maioribus petalis 3.5 mm longis differt. — Typus: *Maxwell 94-1001* (holo BKF; iso L), Thailand, Doi Inthanon NP.

Plant as forma *pentaphyllum*, but male flowers large, petals 3.5 mm long.

Distribution — This form is a local endemic of Thailand (Mt Inthanon).

Habitat & Ecology — In *Sphagnum* bog just below the summit, elfin forest, primary evergreen hillside forest; on granite bedrock; at 700–2600 m altitude.

Note — The typical form *pentaphyllum* is also common in the summit region.

d. forma *knemandrum* W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, *forma nov.*

Forma floribus masculis comparative minutis c. 2.5 mm diam., antheris in synandrio breviter stipitatis nec sessilibus. — Typus: *Garrett 190* (holo L; iso E, K, L), Thailand, Chiang Rai.

Plant as forma *pentaphyllum*, but male flowers small, perianth c. 2.5 mm diam.; anthers in the synandrium shortly stipitate.

Distribution — Endemic to northern Thailand.

Habitat & Ecology — Shaded in mixed evergreen and deciduous forest and on rugged limestone cliffs; only found on limestone; at 400–450 m altitude.

e. forma pentaphyllum — Fig. 2b–f, 3; Plate 1b, d

For references see under the species.

Plant as the species, not including the forms here described as new. The leaves of the typical form are 3- or 5- (or 7-) foliolate. It is widespread in the lowlands up to 1500 (–2000) m altitude. The form is rare in Borneo, where it is replaced by forma *dasycarpum*.

Uses — The form is cultivated for its medicinal properties. Tea prepared from the leaves, for instance, is used for reduction of blood pressure.

f. forma pubescens (Gagnep.) W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, *stat. nov.*

Gynostemma pedatum Blume var. *pubescens* Gagnep. (1921) 1082. — *Gynostemma pubescens* (Gagnep.) C.Y. Wu in C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen (1983) 362. — Type: *Thorel 3468* (holo P), Laos.

Gynostemma burmanicum Chakrav. (1946) 86; (1959) 190 ('*burmanica*'), not validly published, without Latin description.

Gynostemma burmanica Chakrav. var. *molle* C.Y. Wu in C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen (1983) 360, invalid name. — Voucher specimen: *Wang 81064* (KUN, not seen), China, Yunnan.

Plant as forma *pentaphyllum*, but wholly, including both leaf blade surfaces, (densely) hairy.

Distribution — India, Myanmar, China, south-western and northern Thailand, Laos, Vietnam.

Habitat & Ecology — Shaded in primary and disturbed forest, often along small streams; granite bedrock, also on limestone; at 600–1500 m altitude.

Field-note — Plants yellowish green.

Note — In *G. burmanicum* (nom. inval.) the hairs were described as red-brown.

g. forma simplicifolium (Blume) W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, *stat. nov.* —

Fig. 2a; Plate 1a

Gynostemma simplicifolium Blume (1825) 24 ('*simplicifolia*'); Cogn. (1881) 915; Chakrav. (1959) 193; Backer (1964) 306; F.C. How & C.C. Chang (1964) 484; C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen (1983) 359.

— Lectotype (here chosen): *Blume 1493* (holo L, barcode L0588361; iso L), Java, Mt Krawang.

Plant as forma *pentaphyllum*, but leaves simple, occasionally with some 2 (or 3) foliolate leaves among the simple leaves.

Distribution — India, Myanmar, China, Peninsular Malaysia (Pahang), Borneo (Sarawak, Sabah), Java, Philippines (Basilan).

Habitat & Ecology — Damp and shaded places in primary and old secondary forest, along roadsides in logged forest and river beds; yellow sandy and reddish clay lateritic soil, also on limestone; at 100–1600 m altitude.

Note — Simple-leaved (not foliolate) forms have been found almost all over the area of the species. Plants from the type locality in W Java have a relatively long petiole, almost as long as the rather narrow leaf blade. In simple-leaved forms from other localities the petiole is generally shorter.

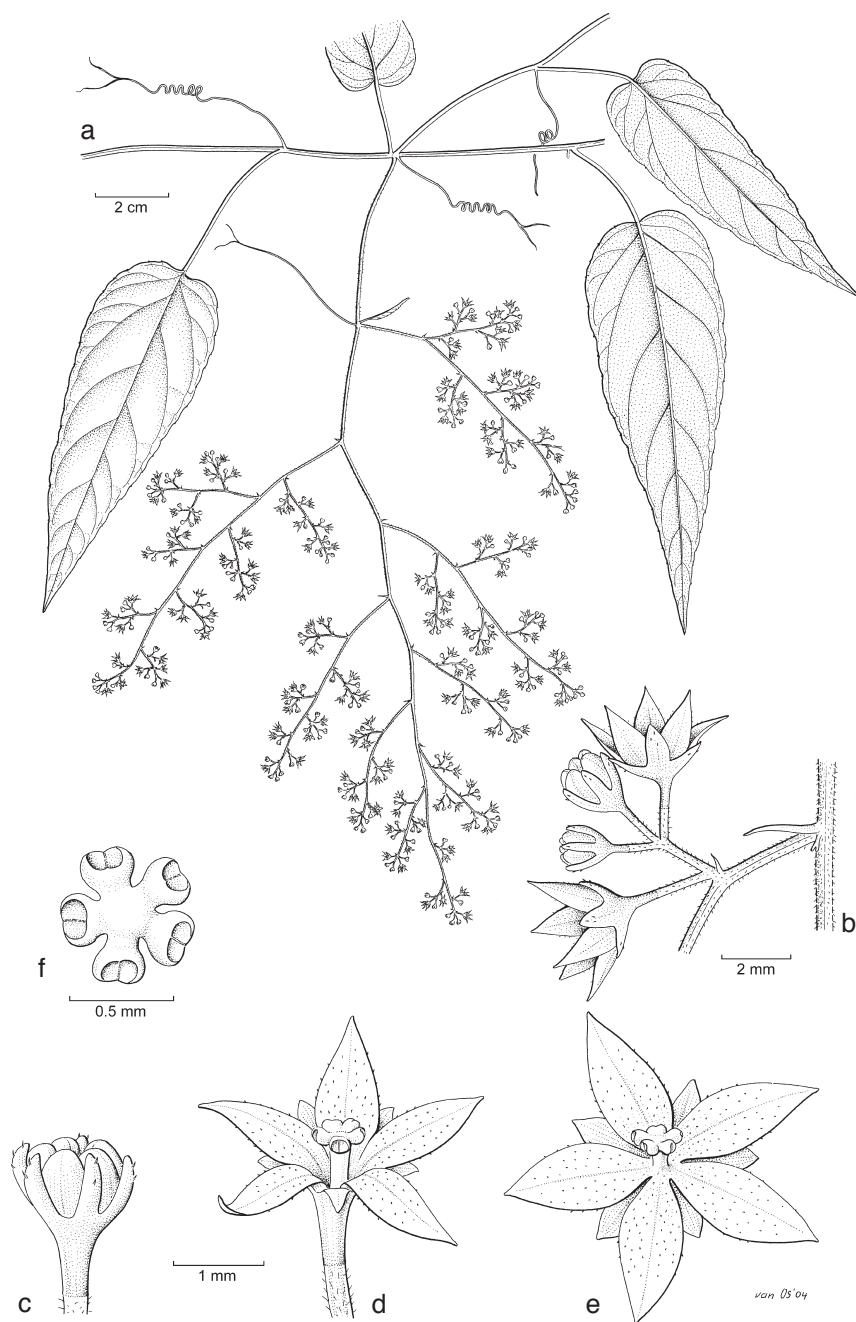


Fig. 2. a: *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* (Thunb.) Makino forma *simplicifolium* (Blume) W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes. Stem section with male inflorescence. — b–f: *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* (Thunb.) Makino forma *pentaphyllum*. b. Male inflorescence; c. male bud; d, e. male flowers; f. androecium seen from above (a: Van Oostroom 14084; b–f: De Wilde & Duyfjes 21779).

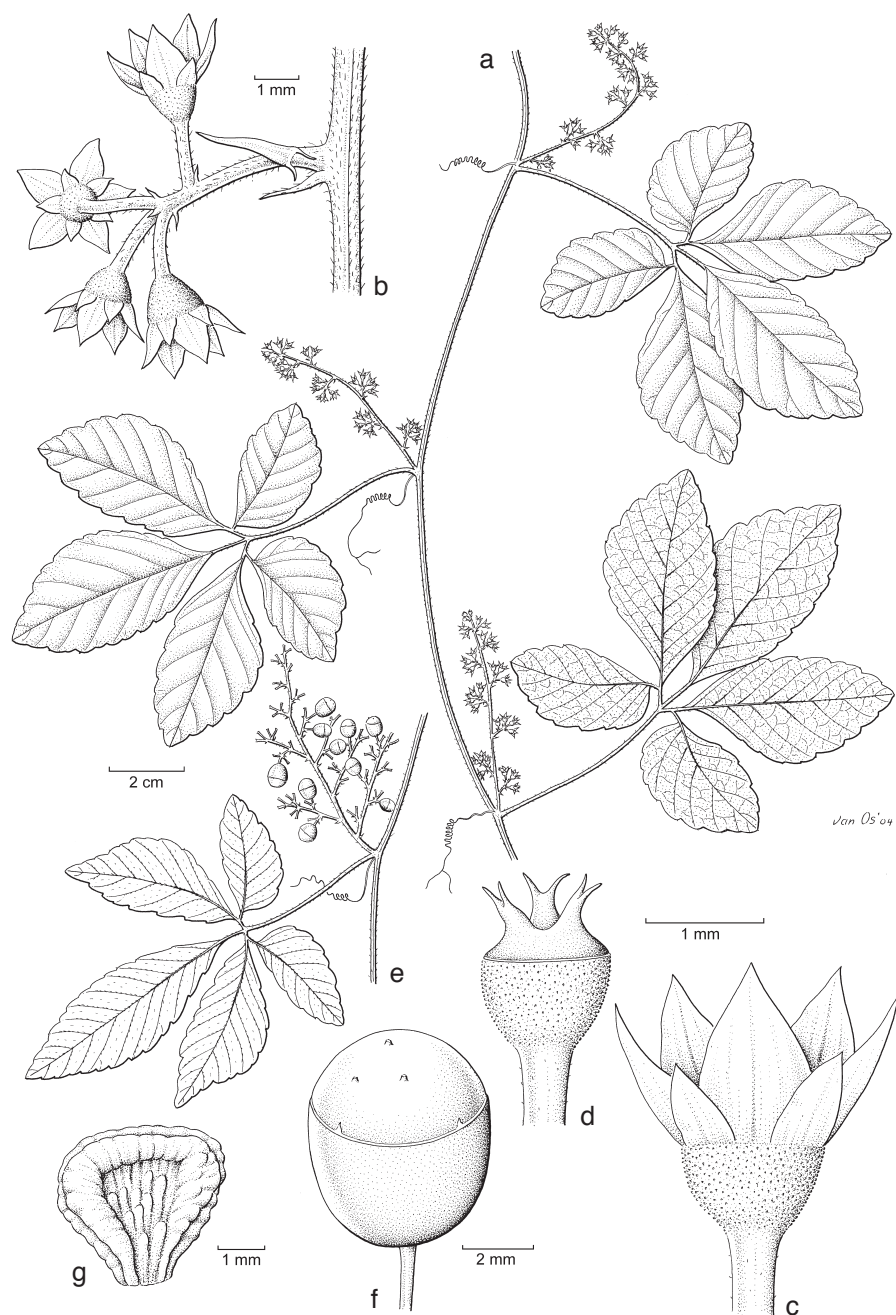


Fig. 3. *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* (Thunb.) Makino forma *pentaphyllum*. a. Branch section with female inflorescences; b. female inflorescence; c. female flower; d. gynoecium; e. node with infructescence; f. fruit; g. seed (a–d: Kock 8; e–g: Soegandiredja 281).

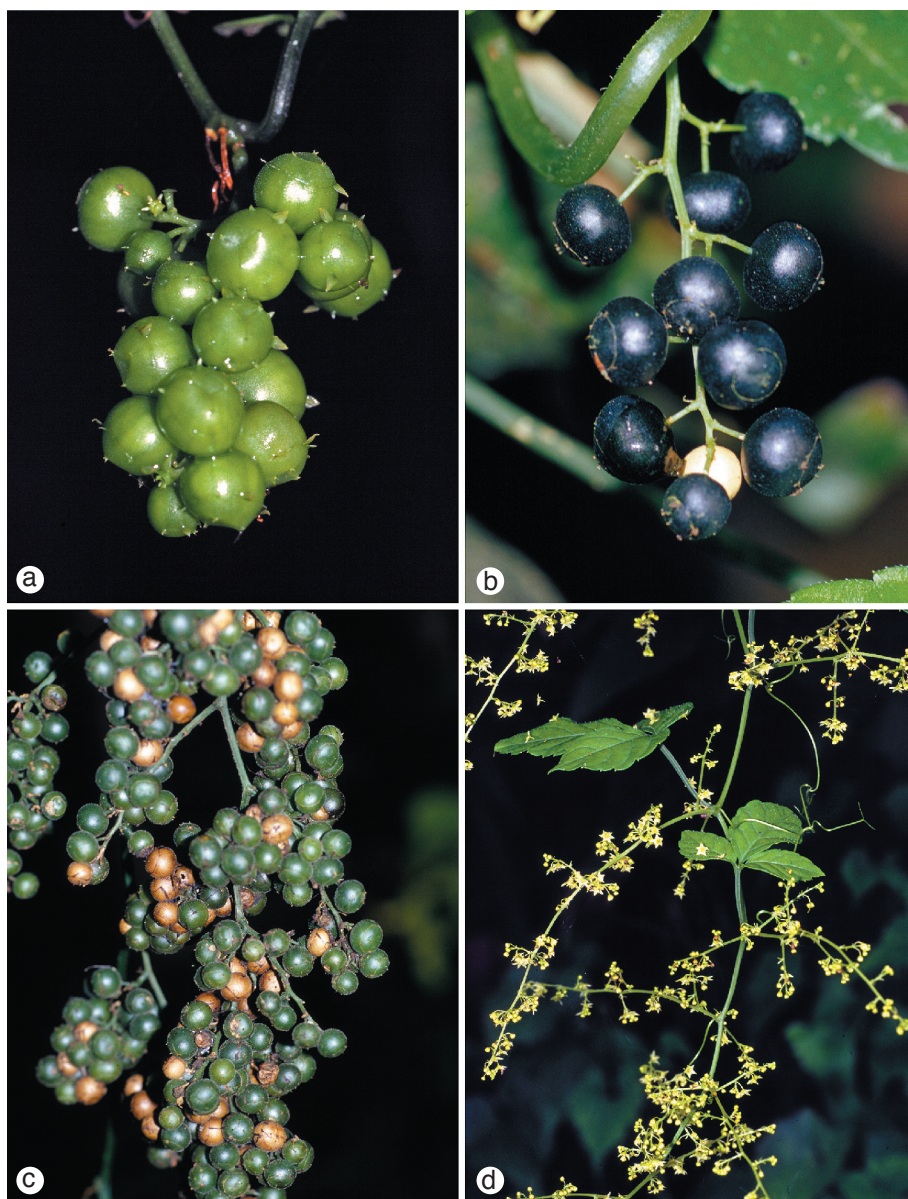


Plate 1. *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* (Thunb.) Makino: a. forma *simplicifolium* (Blume) W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes; b, d. forma *pentaphyllum*; c. forma *dasycarpum* (C.Y. Wu in C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen) W.J. de Wilde & Duyfjes (a: *De Wilde et al.* SAN 144795, Sabah; b: *Koonthunthod et al.* 325, Thailand; c: *Postar et al.* SAN 144099, Sabah; d: *De Wilde et al.* 21724, Bali). Photos: De Wilde.

Subgenus TRIROSTELLUM

Gynostemma Blume subg. *Trirostellum* (Z.P. Wang & Q.Z. Xie) C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen (1983) 364; S.K. Chen (1986) 273; (1995b) 405. — *Trirostellum* Z.P. Wang & Q.Z. Xie (1981) 481. — Type: *Trirostellum yixingensis* Z.P. Wang & Q.Z. Xie.

Fruit capsular, opening with 3 valves.

4. *Gynostemma microspermum* C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen — Fig. 4

Gynostemma microspermum C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen (1983) 364, f. 4 ('*microsperma*'); S.K. Chen (1986) 274, f. 68: 1–6; (1995a) 392, f. 104: 1–6; (1995b) 406, f. 4: 4. — Type: *Li 2805* (KUN, not seen), China (Yunnan).

Perennial creeper or climber, 1–2 m long; tuber 5 cm diam.; leafy stem 1–2 mm thick, finely sparsely hairy or subglabrous. *Leaves*: blade (3- or) 5- or 7-foliolate, if 7-foliolate the outer leaflets by far the smallest, leaf blade subcircular in outline, 4–12 cm diam., middle leaflet elliptic-narrowly elliptic or \pm rhomboid, 2.5–8 by 1.5–3(–4) cm, margin dentate-serrate, with 8–12 lateral nerves, raised or not below, lower leaf surface (sub)glabrous, leaf margin and nerves below finely hairy; petiolule 4–8 mm long; petiole 2–4 cm long, (sub)glabrous. *Male inflorescences*: many-flowered, paniculate, 2 or 3 times branched, 5–12 by 2–5 cm (sometimes aggregated in larger panicles), partly finely hairy, flowers in fascicles or short terminal racemes of 3–7 flowers; peduncle 1–2 cm long; bracts minute, c. 0.5 mm long. *Male flowers*: pedicel 1.5–2 mm long, articulate at c. 1/4 from the apex; perianth 2.5–3 mm diam.; receptacle shallow, 0.5–0.7 mm wide, glabrous, sepals narrowly elliptic, c. 1 mm long, glabrous; petals ovate to narrowly elliptic and narrowed in the upper half, c. 1.5 mm long, acute-acuminate, in apical part inside papillose and with c. 0.5 mm long hairs, especially on or near the margin; staminal column c. 0.4 mm long, glabrous, synandrium c. 0.4 mm diam., anthers subglobose, sessile, c. 0.2 mm diameter. *Female flowers*: not seen. *Infructescences*: consisting of numerous fruits in spike-like condensed panicles 3–5 by 1.5 cm, sometimes aggregated in larger compound infructescences. *Capsules*: subglobose, 3–4 mm diam., pergamentaceous, glabrous, at apex truncate, 3-valved, opening inwards. *Seeds*: few, compressed, subcircular or heart-shaped, c. 2 mm diam., hardly 1 mm thick, pale brown, faces finely warty, margin flat, wing-like, narrow but distinct.

Distribution — China (Yunnan); Thailand (Doi Chiang Dao, 8 collections seen).

Habitat & Ecology — Exposed on limestone bed-rock; at 1750–2400 m altitude. Flowering in Thailand: September–November; fruiting: October–December.

Field-notes — Sepals and petals pale yellow-green. Leaflets and fruits yellow-green.

Notes — 1. In *Flora Yunnanica* (Chen, 1995a: f. 104: 2, 3) the conspicuous hairs on the petals of male and female flowers are not drawn, but otherwise the figure agrees with the Thai material. In Yunnan the species occurs between 800 and 1350 metres.

2. The chromosome number is: $2n = 22$ (Gao et al., 1995).

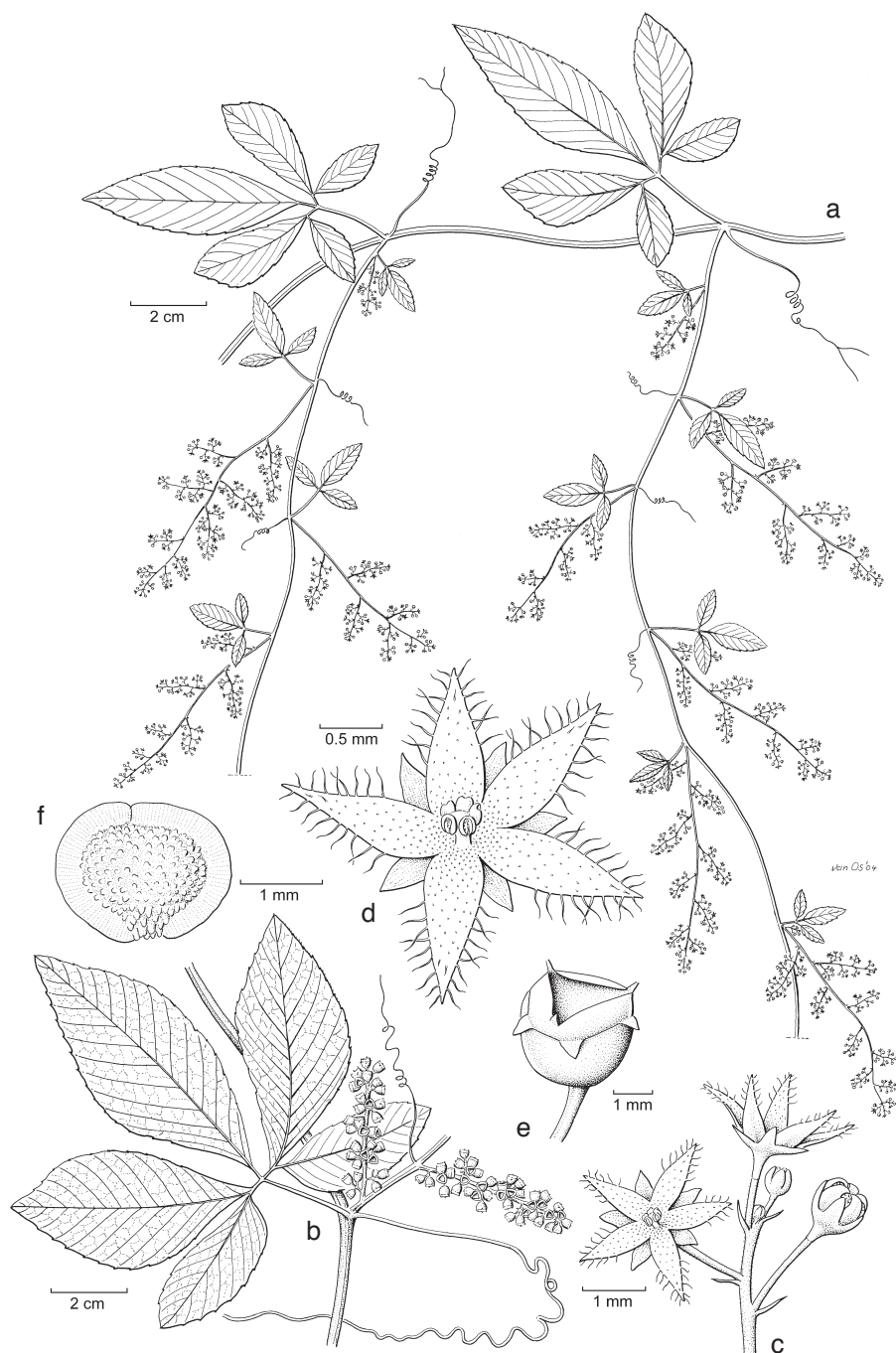


Fig. 4. *Gynostemma microspermum* C.Y. Wu & S.K. Chen. a. Twig section with male inflorescences; b. habit of infructescences; c. detail of male inflorescence; d. male flower; e. fruit, dehiscent by 3 valves; f. seed (a–d: Murata, Iwatsuki & Phengklai T-15118; e, f: Maxwell 95-1092).

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IDENTIFICATION LIST

- 1 = *Gynostemma intermedium*
- 2 = *Gynostemma papuanum*
- 3 = *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* s.l.
- 3a = *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* forma *dasycarpum*
- 3b = *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* forma *fasciculare*
- 3c = *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* forma *grandiflorum*
- 3d = *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* forma *knemandrum*
- 3e = *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* forma *pentaphyllum*
- 3f = *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* forma *pubescens*
- 3g = *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* forma *simplicifolium*
- 4 = *Gynostemma microsperrum*

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- Wallich 3726: 3e; 3727: 3e — Winkler 1080: 3a; 2757: 3a — Womersley & Sleumer NGF 13999: 1 — Wong WKM 2357: 3a — Wood A 3991: 3a.
- Yates 1924: 3e.